

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 1, 2012  
7:30 PM**

**PRESENT:** Kevin Lyden, Robyn McKenney, Elbert Burr, Lewis Buckley, Robert Ross

**CALL TO ORDER:** K. Lyden called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**1. Approval of Minutes**

**M/S/C (Burr/Ross) to approve the Board of Selectmen, April 3, 2012, Regular Meeting Minutes as amended.**

**Vote: Approved. In Favor: R. McKenney, E. Burr, L. Buckley, R. Ross and K. Lyden.  
Opposed: None. Abstaining: None**

Page 2. Correspondence/Public Comments

Paragraph 1: Peter Sielman informed the BOS he attended a meeting with Robert Ross for a discussion on current issues for Route 11 with the Chief of Staff of the *Governor*.

Page 3 F. Transfer Station Discussion

Second sentence: R. Ross stated per the purchasing policy, a bid needs to be received from the vendor wanting to operate the Transfer Station.

Page 4 I. Economic Development Commission

First sentence: R. Ross reported the Commission thinks this is the time to market Salem and fill the available commercial space in town.

**2. Correspondence/Public Comments:**

Correspondence – None to report.

Public Comment –

Gary Alligood asked when the BOS is going to make a decision concerning the contract for the Transfer Station.

K. Lyden stated a Special Board of Selectmen meeting will be scheduled to discuss the operator contract for the Transfer Station. An agenda item will be added for the purpose of scheduling a meeting date.

Gary Alligood asked if contractors submitting bids could be present at the special meeting to address the BOS if needed, K. Lyden stated that would be allowed.

Peter Sielman asked if Virtual Town Meeting could be added to the agenda. He would like the BOS to change the way a virtual town meeting is approved by the Board. Right now, the VTM is approved by the BOS as the meetings occur, Mr. Sielman would like it to be changed that the VTM is approved for all meetings unless stated otherwise by the BOS.

Peter Sielman also informed the BOS the State Senate voted for tolls on Route 11. The tolls collected would cover the State's portion of the funding, Federal funding would pay for the remainder. He feels the Governor needs to have an active role for the completion of Route 11.

Gene Maiorano asked if the tolls on Route 11 would be placed before or after the completion of the extension of the road. K. Lyden informed him the tolls would be added after the unfinished portion of the road is completed.

### **3. Agenda Additions or Revisions:**

K. Lyden proposed the following additions to the agenda:

Add: B. Approval of the Emergency Responder Awards

C. Appoint Rebecca Nortz as the Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate Position

D. Special Board of Selectmen Meeting to Discuss the Transfer Station Operation

E. Virtual Town Meeting

**M/S/C (Lyden/Burr) to approve the addition of Agenda items.**

**Vote: Approved. In Favor: R. McKenney, E. Burr, L. Buckley, R. Ross and K. Lyden.**

**Opposed: None. Abstaining: None**

### **4. Agenda**

#### **A. Tax Collector Refunds**

**M/S/C (Ross/McKenney) for the Board of Selectmen to direct the town Treasurer to issue refunds recommended and certified by the Tax Collector as presented to the Board of Selectmen on May 1, 2012 in the amount of \$8,630.99.**

**Vote: Approved. In Favor: R. McKenney, E. Burr, L. Buckley, R. Ross and K. Lyden**

**Opposed: None. Abstaining: None**

(see attached)

## **B. Approval of the Emergency Responder Awards**

**M/S/C (Ross/Burr) to approve the list Emergency Responders as present by the Chief of the Salem Volunteer Fire Company and the Chief of the Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Company and direct the Tax Collector to apply appropriate tax abatements for those members listed who qualified for abatement.**

**Vote: Approved. In Favor: R. McKenney, E. Burr, L. Buckley, R. Ross and K. Lyden**  
**Opposed: None. Abstaining: None**  
(see attached)

R. Ross commended the responders for the difficult job they do in Salem.

## **C. Appoint Rebecca Nortz as the Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate Position**

**M/S/C (Burr/McKenney) to appoint Rebecca Nortz to the Alternate Position on the Zoning Board of Appeals.**

**Vote: Approved. In Favor: R. McKenney, E. Burr, L. Buckley, R. Ross and K. Lyden**  
**Opposed: None. Abstaining: None**

## **D. Special Board of Selectmen Meeting to Discuss the Transfer Station Operation**

**M/S/C (Burr/McKenny) to approve Thursday May 10, 2012 at 5:30 P.M. for a Special Board of Selectmen Meeting to discuss for the Transfer Station Operation.**

**Vote: Approved. In Favor: R. McKenney, E. Burr, L. Buckley, R. Ross and K. Lyden**  
**Opposed: None. Abstaining: None**

## **E. Virtual Town Meeting**

Discussion took place as to if and when Virtual Town Meeting should be held. K. Lyden would like to get a legal opinion on the subject from the town attorney. This will be added as a future agenda item.

**MSC (Buckley/McKenney) to authorize virtual participation for the scheduled Town Meeting on May 2, 2012. The meeting will take place even in the event of broadcast or computer equipment failure.**

**Vote: Approved. In Favor: R. McKenney, E. Burr, L. Buckley, R. Ross and K. Lyden**  
**Opposed: None. Abstaining: None**

## 5. Reports

- A. First Selectman** – K. Lyden informed the BOS a Town Meeting will be held on May 2, 2012 at Salem School; and the Town Referendum will be held on May 9, 2012 at Salem Town Hall.

The sidewalk semi-final inspection will take place this week.

The pavilion is almost completed. A Grand Opening will be in mid June.

The Salem Farmer's Market will start on June 28, 2012 from 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. The market will run until the beginning of October.

- B. Public Works** – Don Bourdeau reported the town crew is now on four ten hour days for the summer. The town crew will respond if there is an emergency on Fridays.

The summer help will start in May.

- C. Building Department-** Diane Weston reported permits for renovations, sheds, etc. are being issued.

- D. Salem School Building Committee-** E. Burr reported the final local approval is almost complete with the town. Work will hopefully start in July and continue into 2012.

- E. Board of Education** – No report.

- F. Board of Finance-** May 2, 2012 is the Town Meeting. May 9, 2012 is the Town Referendum.

- G. Planning and Zoning Commission** – A court conclusion was reached with the Kobyluck case that was in favor for the Salem Planning and Zoning Commission.

- H. Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission** – No report.

- I. Economic Development Commission-**No report.

- J. Zoning Board of Appeals** – No report. Mike Mullin has been appointed Chairperson.

- K. Recreation Commission** – D. Weston report summer/fall programs are being lined up. Programs are: Multi-Sports; Music lessons; "10 and Under Tennis"; Evening Basketball Summer Camp (grades 5-8); Monday & Wednesday Rec Basketball (grades 5-8); Adult Sunday and Wednesday evening tennis; New York Yankees vs. Boston Red Sox August 19; "Day on Your Own" NYC bus trip with seats available for doing what you want or for the Broadway play, "Spiderman: Turn off the Dark" on September 29. A "Town Wide Tag Sale" is in the planning stages for September. A grant was received for the "10 and Under Tennis" from the USTA. Residents Sam and Tiffany Rindell submitted for the grant and have volunteered to run the program.

**L. Public Safety-** No report.

**M. Transfer Station** – see Agenda item D.

**N. Library Board-** L. Buckley reported there will be a spring book sale May 17, 18, and 19, 2012 at the library.

## **6. Public Comment**

Gary Alligood asked about the guidelines for vendors for the Farmer's Market and if vendor's selling crafts would be allowed in the market. K. Lyden informed Mr. Alligood to have the person's wanting to be a part of the market to submit an application. It would then be reviewed by the Committee for the market.

K. Lyden discussed that a Salem business would be showcased weekly at the market. R. McKenney suggested a Salem craftsperson also be showcased.

R. Ross mentioned the display case in the hallway that tells of Salem's history and involvement in the Civil War.

## **7. Future Action Items**

1. Town Events Policy – Will be removed from Future Action Items

## **Adjournment**

**M/S/C (Ross/McKenney) to adjourn at 8:08 P.M.**

**Vote: Approved. In Favor: R. McKenney, E. Burr, L. Buckley, R. Ross and K. Lyden.**

**Respectfully Submitted  
Diane Weston  
Recording Secretary**